

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

CRYSTAL E. JEFFERS,

Plaintiff,

v.

**COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
SECURITY,**

Defendant.

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Case No. 2:21-cv-4861

JUDGE ALGENON L. MARBLEY

Magistrate Judge Deavers


ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the parties' Joint Motion for an Award of Attorney Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (ECF No. 18). The parties jointly stipulate and petition this Court to enter an award of attorneys' fees in the amount of \$4,800.00 to the Plaintiff, which will satisfy all of her claims for fees, costs, and expenses under the EAJA that may be payable in this case.

Defendant states that any fees paid belong to Plaintiff, and not her attorney, and can be offset to satisfy pre-existing debt that Plaintiff owes to the United States. *See Astrue v. Ratcliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). After this Court enters the award, counsel for the parties shall verify that Plaintiff owes no pre-existing debt to the Government subject to offset; then, Defendant agrees to make the award payable to Plaintiff's attorney pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by Plaintiff and her counsel.

In light of the foregoing, this Court **GRANTS** the parties' Joint Stipulation to award Plaintiff attorneys' fees in the amount of \$4,800.00.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


ALGENON L. MARBLEY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DATED: October 26, 2022